

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 5-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 22, 29, and 33 are independent claims. Claims 1, 3, and 5-28 are rejected as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 29-34 are allowed. Claims 1 and 22 are amended herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview with Applicants' undersigned representative on January 23, 2012. Based on that discussion, Applicants believe that there is agreement that the foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 22 will place all claims in condition for allowance.

Therefore, all rejections have been addressed.¹ Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, under order number 65632-0559. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants' silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, motivation to combine references, assertions as to dependent claims, etc.) is not a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such assertions/requirements in the future.